

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Irene Bozzoni et al.  
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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2010, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 15, 2010, to August 15, 2010.